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THE Supreme Court will probably survive the denuciations of the Indianapolis Sentinel, as it has before.

CORPORAL TANNER is hardly doing a

kindness to the Grand Army men when he intimates that "they did it" in Ohio and Iowa. THERE need be no question among Ohio Democrats who aspire to succeed

Senator Payne as to which will capture the prize. The man who has the largest purse holds the winning hand. EVEN Kansas elected a Democratic Governor in 1882, after giving Garfield

61,000 majority in 1880. In 1884 she

swung back into line, and gave Blaine 43,438 majority. Off years don't count. ALL the iron furnaces in the Mahoning valley have posted notices granting a voluntary increase of 10 per cent. in the wages of all employes. This is done in view of the improvement in business.

Free-trade papers please copy. THE Iowa State Register, of Thursday, has an editorial-"After the Battle." It says: "The smoke is beginning to clear away, and the results of Tuesday's battle can be seen. They indicate a Democratic victory." That opinion seems to be growing.

If the South Americans had visited this country twenty-five or thirty years ago they would have seen nothing of the great display of iron industries at Pittsburg which so impressed them. It was well they waited till we had had twentyfive years of protection.

RAILROAD-MILLIONAIRE HUNTINGTON talks sensibly about his daughter's marriage to Prince Hatzfeldt, and is evidently disposed to put the best face on the matter. The fact remains, however, that it was a marriage of convenience and of unworthy motives on both sides.

THE latest death from electricity is one of the most tragic. This time the victim is a boy, and the death-dealing bolt came from the machinery of an electric car. The increasing frequency of these accidents shows that great caution is necessary in dealing with electricity in all its forms. If the metallic parts of an electric car can become charged with electricity, the public will beapt to keep hands off.

SENATOR QUAY'S son is chairman of the Republican committee in the county in which he resides. On Tuesday morning he was taken suddenly ill, and the Senator assumed his duties of delivering the tickets at the polls in the city of Beaver. People out in the early dawn were greeted with the unusual sight of a United States Senator making the rounds of the voting places, and were naturally cheered by the sight. Mr. Quay might have delegated the task to another person, but he chose to do it himself. Pennsylvania Republicans high and low, are in the habit of taking an interest in all elections, and as a result, it may be remarked, they always "get there."

A DECISION just rendered in New York shows how easily trusts can be reached and destroyed by common-law methods. The Attorney-general of New York made application for the dissolution of the charter of the North-river sugar refinery on the ground that it had been incorporated out of a private business enterprise, and then immediately had transferred all its capital to the sugar refineries. In other words, it had forfeited its charter by joining a trust. The court granted the petition, and appointed a receiver, and this decision has just been affirmed in general term. The immediate result was stock in the Sugar Trust fell from 74 to 70 3-4, and all other trust stocks fell in proportion.

IT is natural that the Democratic press should endeavor to make the most of its victory, but it is a little surprising that an organ of such intelligence as the Philadelphia Record should ascribe the result in Iowa, Virginia and Ohio to growth of free-trade ideas. The Record knows that dissatisfaction with the Cleveland idea was the cause of the very narrow Democratic margin in Virginia last year; it knows that Campbell, who has been elected Governor of Ohio, is on record as a strong protectionist, and that the unpopularity of the prohibition law led to the result in Iowa Rejoice to your hearts' content, Democratic friends and brethren, but do not make yourselves ridiculous in argu-

KENTUCKIANS can be depended upon to do something original when opportunity offers. The postmaster at Louisa, in that State, is a Republican. The Democrats were so overjoyed at the | is surrounded with difficulties, and we

ment.

the good news to themselves. Thursday night they became imbued with the idea that the postmaster ought to be informed of the result. He had locked up his office and gone home, so the Bourbons blew up the building with dynamite, feeling certain that Uncle Sam's agent would learn something about the matter in the morning. The postmaster has asked the protection of the government, and should have it, while the perpetrators of the outrage ought to be taught that lawful destruction of United States property in the South ended with the war.

#### LAW AS LAW.

It is a matter of no public importance, and very little public interest, who holds or tills the offices of State Statistician, State Geologist, Oil Inspector and Mine Inspector. The temporary possession of these offices may possibly be of some partisan interest, and the enjoyment of their emoluments is a matter of some moment to the respective contestants. These considerations, however, are small, narrow and personal. They do not concern the public welfare or interests. The only interest the public has is that the constitutional questions involved should be decided in accordance with right principles, and that the practice of all departments of the government should be held to a strict conformity with the Constitution. The temporary possession of a few paltry offices is of no consequence to either party; the maintenance of the Constitution in its integrity is of immense importance to both and to all the people. So far as the Journal is concerned it has no such degree of partisan interest or pride of opinion as would have led it to denounce the decision of the court, or question its binding force if it had been contrary to the views previously held by the Journal, and it is not consciously actuated by such motives in approving the decision

In all judicial tribunals a majority of the judges constitute the court. If it were not so judicial decisions would be impossible. The right of opinion is as sacred on the bench as off it, as inviolate among judges as among citizens, but the opinion of a majority of the judges of any court is the opinion and decision of the court, all dissenting opinions on or off the bench to the contrary notwithstanding. There is no element of good citizenship in that form of criticism which would place a dissenting opinion above that of the court.

The court has decided that the offices of State Statistician and State Geologist, having been created by the Legislature, are elective by the people. This is in accordance with the principles of popular government, and the decision of the court shows that it is in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Constitution. The Journal believes, further, that these offices would be much more satisfactorily filled by popular election than by legislative election, and quite as satisfactorily as by executive appointment. If the people are capable of nominating and electing Governor and State officers, socalled, they are capable of nominating and electing suitable men for all State offices, even those requiring technical knowledge. They have never made a mistake in the choice of a Superintendent of Public Instruction. The fact is, legislative appointments to office are, as a rule, the least fit and satisfactory of any. It is a poor argument against the decision of the court to say that the people are not capable of filling the offices referred to.

### A WRONG TO BE RIGHTED.

The recent election in Virginia furrishes scandalous proof of a state of things in the South which should not be allowed to exist any longer. General Mahone, who is neither untruthful nor sensational, gives it as his opinion that 'at least 20,000 Republican votes went into the ballot-box that never were counted, and that as many more Republican voters were never given a chance to vote." This means that not less than 40,000 Republican voters in Virginia were disfranchised by fraud. This was done without open violence and under the forms of State law. It is the result of years of practice in the Southern States, through which, by gradual process of evolution, the most effective methods of perpetrating election frauds have at last been reduced to a working system. The paramount idea and controlling motive of the Democratic party in the South for many years past has been to perfect a system of election laws, machinery and methods which, while having the semblance of legality and fairness, would really be an organized system of fraud. The Ku-klux Klan of years ago made too much noise and scandal. The shotgun plan had its objections. Bulldozing and intimidation could not be made universally effective. The tissue-ticket plan worked well for awhile, but had to be abandoned. At last, all the Southern States have settled down on a system of election laws which, instead of having to be violated, simply have to be enforced in order to prevent fair elections. Thus, republican government is at an end in the South and Democratic rule perpetuates itself from year to year with more certainty than any dynasty in Europe. Such a thing as an honest election has not been known in any Southern State for fifteen years, and cannot occur under the laws and methods now in force there. The entire system is one of organized fraud and legalized despotism.

This state of things is a disgrace to republican institutions, a foul blot on American citizenship, and a continuing menace to the government. It is as dishonoring to the party which tamely submits to it as to the one responsible for it. It is a perpetual scandal on the government that tolerates it, and notice to the world either that the Constitution of the United States does not grant or that Congress will not exercise the power to protect citizens in the exercise of their political rights, and purge its own body of fester-

ing fraud. We are well aware that the question

method of dealing with it, but we should be leath to admit that the Constitution is so lacking in virility or Congress so devoid of intelligence and manhood that some way cannot be found either to secure honest elections or to deprive the Southern States of the fruits of fraud. One or the other of these things must be done. No government based on popular suffrage can endure long under the present state of

The nullification of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution and the universal reign of political fraud in the South cannot be ignored by a Republican President and Congress. The government should not abdicate its power nor the administration shirk its duty. We hope to hear some strong words from the President on this subject in his forthcoming message. and to have from Congress something stronger than words. If we cannot have honest elections in the South, at least let the basis of representation be changed, and let Congress purge itself and the national government from participation in this monumental villainy. If the Republican party is prepared to submit tamely to the nullification of the fifteenth amendment and to the permanent denial of a free ballot in the South, then, indeed, it is ready for disbandment.

#### THE SPECIALISTS OF GOODNESS.

The following paragraph is quoted from the Indiana W. C. T. U. official organ as a sample of the silliness, unfairness and anxiety to publish anything disparaging to Republicans prevalent

among third-party publications: In another column we publish the action of the Terre Hante liquor-dealers in making Vice-president Morton an honorary er of their association. Not wishing to publish any such statement without the assurance of its truth, we dispatched the corresponding secretary of the Terre Haute W. C. T. U. upon reading it, who replied:

It will occur to people of sense that the proper course for persons assuming to be exclusively representative of the moral sentiment of the community, or, as Murat Halstead puts it, who make a specialty of goodness, would be to first ascertain if the charge against Vicepresident Morton of obtaining a bar license were true. It it were true, then they could make their criticism; if it were not, as proves to be the case, then what did the action of the Terre Haute liquor-dealers signify, except that, in common with their prohibition partners, they were ready to accept a Democratic slander against a Republican without investigation? Common decency and the interest every fair-minded citizen should have, without regard to politics, in the good name of the administration should have prompted an inquiry as to the truth of the original story. If it be said that this is not the custom of politics, the Journal must reply that it should not be the custom of those who profess to move on a moral plane high above political parties. It is true that the third-party organs did not give currency to the tales afloat in Washington, a year or two ago, derogatory to the head of the late administration, but, in view of certain ties binding them to the Democracy and their eagerness to pick flaws in the Republican administration, it can hardly be made to appear that they were led to this course by the exalted moral principle of which they boast. It may be added, in this connection, as showing the amenities of decent politics, that the Republican newspapers did not circulate these stories; but, let the two-faced "reformers" mark the point, they did not refrain from publication because the tales were not authenticated, but because of shame that the chief magistrate should so conduct himself. It was not that they cared for the man, but they were jealous of the honor of the Nation which he temporarily represented. Patriotism is non-partisan but it is a sentiment apparently beyond the comprehension of those whose "specialty is goodness."

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York Maritime Association, writing from Australia, says that government has renewed its subsidy to the California mail steamship line, and expresses a hope that the United States will do something in the same direction. "If the line should be allowed to collapse," says the correspondent, "owing to the want of support from your side of the world, it would mean a big set-back to the trade of your merchants and manufacturers in these colonies." When Congress gets ready to give serious and intelligent attention to the question of extending our foreign trade it will find the encouragement and establishment of steamship lines a first necessary step. Trade follows the flag and transporta-

It looks as if the Democrats of Ohio will have an opportunity to elect a real Democrat to the Senate in place of Senator Payne. But they may again use this opportunity to disappoint the party at large and send another representative of plutocracy and boodle to the Senate rather than Judge

Thurman .- St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This is a touching wail from a Democratic source, and the humor of it is that the St. Louis paper knows that boodle will win and that Thurman has no more chance of being sent to the Senate than of being elected King of Timbuctoo. In the speculations already rife in Ohio Democratic circles his name isn't so much as mentioned.

THE decision throughout is based on the proposition, "In our opinion this is the law."

It is generally supposed that in controverted questions the opinion of the Supreme Court makes law. Perhaps they should have ascertained the opinion of the editor of the Sentinel and declared that to be the law.

BROTHER CLARKSON'S State has gone Democratic in spite of the vigorous swing-ing of the political ax in the Postoffice De-partment.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The people who are ascribing the general result to President Harrison's slowness in making removals may find something to think about in the foregoing re-

THE W. C. T. U. lest many of its best working members, some time ago, owing to the quiet withdrawal from active service of women who could not approve result in Ohio that they could not keep | are not prepared to indicate the best | the political turn the association's man-

agement was taking. It is not to be expected that these earnest women will be content to refrain permanently from temperance work, and the formal withdrawal and reorganization of this element from the controlling faction expected at Chicago is one of the inevitables, soon or late.

RICHARD T. ELY, secretary of the American Economic Association, has issued a circular offering prizes for the best essays on the subject of women wage-earners-\$300 to be given as the first prize and \$200 as the second. It is expected that competitors will deal principally with the American aspect of the subject, but they are asked to treat of the early and present condition of women workers, their growth in numbers, both absolutely and in proportion to population, the present extent of their sphere of labor, the economic and social evils connected with their various occupations as wage-earners, and remedies for these evils. The purpose aimed at, that of securing facts and views upon an inclustrial problem for public consideration, is commendable, but this seems like an indirect method of getting at the matter. The facts desired are largely matters of statistical record, open to any student, but sound opinions upon the economic points suggested can hardly be looked for except from those persons who have given close and practical investigation to the subject. These persons are few, and their names easily ascertained. It might have been better to offer them direct a reasonable recompense for the result of their observations than to expect them to take the chances of competing with mere theorists.

A SISTER of Mercy's "farewell to the world" is a very stylish and festive affair, according to all accounts, when the postulant is a ten-million-dollar heiress. The solemnity ordinarily supposed to be involved in this ceremony must be largely dissipated when it is made spectacular by "magnificent" Worth gowns, and when fashionable breakfast is an accessory After all, too, Miss Drexel is not sure to make a more devoted sister than any Bridget Flanagan, of Poker alley, who chooses to give up the world and its van-

THE most humorous thing about Ohio politics just now is the frantic effort of a Springfield manufacturer, John H. Thomas to capture the senatorship. He is only worth a million or so, and either Brice, Payne, McLean or Harter could buy him out two or three times and still have plenty left to buy the legislators. Upon the rare occasions that a Democratic Legislature gets control in Ohio it is not in the habit of wasting time with small fish.

THAT young woman at Shoais who crushed the skull of an insulting admirer with a flat-iron has vindicated her good name but ruined her matrimonial chances. Nobody would care to live in the same house with such fatal skill in handling this homely weapon.

EACH delegate to the All-American Con gress must have accummulated enough bric-a-bric, during the tour through the United States, to stock a dollar store.

LIFE is still worth living. The Demo crats have carried Ohio and Iowa, but

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: Has there been any law enacted governing the organization of natural gas companies; if so, what is it! If not, what section should they be organized under? Was there any law passed in regard to the depth that pipes should be laid? CONSTANT READER.

BAKER'S CORNER, Nov. 7. A law on the subject was passed last winter regulating the manner of piping gas, digging trenches, acquiring real estate, etc. Gas companies may be incorporated under the general law of the State but the law of last winter regulates their operations in certain respects. For fuller information consult the Acts.

### ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

JOHN G. WHITTIER says he expects to live to the age of one hundred years, though he is not anxious to do so. MR. GLADSTONE is writing a paper or

"The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture," to be published next year. OVER one thousand souls, mostly negroes and Indians, are on the school grounds at

Hampton Institute, Virginia, teaching and being taught. JOHN TYNDALL, father of the famous scientist, was a carpenter by trade. He lived in the little town of Carlow, forty-

four miles from Dublin, Ireland THE New York dress-makers have named a tea gown in honor of Edgar Saltus. It is described as being loose in fit, thereby resembling the morals of its namesake's hero-

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER, the little daughter of the Attorney-general, is quoted a expressing dislike for Washington, because "the people go out in the streets with their babies."

MR. ISAAC PITMAN, stenographer and spelling reformer, writes to say that in his opinion "the prezent spelling disgeizez our langwaje, hinderz edjukashon and sujests fols etimolojiz."

THE late John F. Smith, the great Philadelphia type-founder, gave to various charities more than \$100,000 a year during the closing years of his long and useful life. "Everything I have to give away," he said, "I shall give away before I die."

PROFESSOR ANDERSON, of Madison. Wis who was minister to Denmark under the last administration, is very much incensed at being removed. He wanted to remain six months longer to finish a book on which he was engaged. He is now general agent for a cod liver oil company.

MRS. VAN COTT, the evangelist, thinks that Mrs. Harriett Beecher Stowe is not very courteous. Mrs. Van Cott called on the novelist and said: "Doubtless you have heard of me as an eminent Christian." Mrs. Stowe promptly replied: "No, I never have," and the interview came to an end. Kossuth for a number of years gave les-

sons in the English language to the young men at Turin, where he has resided for thirty years. Old as he is, these pupils are now clamorous for him to become a naturalized subject in order to be elected a Senator of the kingdom, but he prefers to re-A. C. CARR, the apple king of Kennebec

county. Maine, has raised a queer one this year. It is a medium-sized apple of greenish color, and from one side you may cut a slice of sweet apple of as fine flavor as you ever ate, and from another part of the same apple you may cut a slice sour enough to make a maiden squint.

SALVINI, the tragedian, is a stalwart, euthusiastic-mannered man of the robust school, with a massive bald head and drooping black mustache, waxed at the extremities. He is as strong as the proverbial Nemean lion and six and fifty. He studied the part of Othello while languishing in the deepest dungeon beneath the castle wall at Geneva. It is announced that F. Marion Crawford.

the novelist, is to become a resident of Washington, D. C. Crawford is a very handsome man, in perfect health, and is known all over Europe as an accomplished swordsman. He is a good deal above the average height, and keeps his muscles in perfect condition. He will form an attractive addition to Washington society.

THE Ameer of Afghanistan sleeps in a plain tent, eats but one substantial meal daily, with fruit as his only other refreshment. and rarely smokes more than two cigarettes in the day. He is passionately fond of field

sports, and is a first-rate shot. His rifle rarely leaves his side, and often when he is holding his durbars in the open air, he will take up his gun and shoot at any bird or beast which comes within range.

THE great novelty in this year's Boston State fair, now being held in that city, is a wonderful canal which occupies the ground floor of the main hall. It is 500 feet in length and twenty-one in width. On its surface are seen steam launches, small side-wheel steamers of old and new models, canoes, rafts, marine bicycles, life-saving apparatus and passenger gondolas, the whole making an interesting and novel display.

A WASHINGTON "society lady" predicts that "Hattie Blaine will have every foreigner in Washington on her string" this winter. The writer declares: "She will have the swellest gowns of any girl in the Cabinet. Her carriage and figure are superb, and her complexion, well, it is just like a baby's, and she never uses a cosmetic. She has the Blaine nose, but I dare say she is satisfied as the mose, but I dare say she is satisfied, as she gets the Blaine sense

TIPPOO TIB, the great African slave-dealer, is getting tired of his wandering and dangerous existence, and proposes to set tle down as a solid citizen on his estate at Casingo, three hundred miles above Stanley Falls, where he has built for himself a large and fine stone mansion. His son, however, will carry on his father's trade, in which he has already been quite successful, as on his last expedition he returned with forty tons of ivory, worth \$350,000.

THE lassoing fever has taken Atlanta The other day two of the larger boys in a well-known family of five boys lassoed the youngest one and began dragging him around. The slip-knot tightened on his throat and he was unable to yell, and when released was almost unable to breathe. As the milkman was delivering milk at another house last week he was surprised to see a coil of rope gracefully slip out of an upper window and settle about his shoulders. Before he could dislodge it it was tightened and he was a prisoner to unseen

PROBABLY the courts do not afford a more curious case than this: In 1859 Mme Hardonin, of Paris, bought three tickets in a lottery, the capital prize of which was 100,000 francs. By presentiment she chose the number 40,634, putting the ticket away among her husband's effects. He became bankrupt, and all of his books were seized. The lottery was in 1861, and 40,634 won the prize. Since then Mme. Hardouin has been accumulating evidence to show that she was the person who bought the ticket, and now expects the judgment in her favor every moment.

#### COMMENT AND OPINION.

THE Australian voting system is likely to work admirably everywhere save in those places where the Democracy depends upon ballot-box stuffers for its majorities.-Philadelphia Press.

GOVERNOR THOMAS, of Utah, declares that the Mormons are in full control of that Territory. Because of that fact Utah will continue to find on the door of the Union a card inscribed "No Admittance."
-Philadelphia Press. THE more reasonable and consistent

ground for Republican occupancy is that of regulating and restricting the liquor traffic. That can be accomplished, and when accomplished it will be beneficial to the public.—New York Press.

THEY [the elections] surely teach one lesson, which Republican members of Congress cannot afford to overlook—that a national measure for guarding the purity of the registration and the suffrage has be come a necessity .- New York Tribune. To-DAY the spectacle is presented of Gov

Hill, the most extreme case of subserviency to the whisky interest ever known in American politics on a State scale, persist-ently aided and abetted by the Prohibitionists. The same general fact, with less personality, is presented in Ohio and Iowa. -Chicago Inter Ocean.

THE assailants of the administration search in vain for Higginses and Thomases and Rasins, and the various kinds o criminals, thugs and ex-convicts who got into office under Mr. Cleveland, and numbered several hundred before his administration was ended. There has been a very great improvement in the personnel of the service, and this will continue as President Harrison confinues to exercise a wi e dis crimination in his selections .- Boston Jour-

CAMPBELL has work He stands second only to Governor Hill, if second to any, in the affections of the saloon-keepers of the country and of the National Liquor-dealers' Association, which has already subjugated New York. In their estimation, and perhaps his own, he is a great man. But his position has been achieved at such a sacrifice of decency and by such subserviency to the baser political elements of the State that no honor goes with his achieve-ment.—Cleveland Leader.

NEW YORK has been termed the "pivotal State" of this country in national elections, because the way it goes usually decides who is the next President, but it will not be so any longer if a proper and just appor-tionment of the congressional districts is made in the winter of 1890 and 1891. The population within a radius of ten miles of the City Hall in New York city will not in that case have the weight it now possesses, and that will be a good thing for the coun-

#### try.-Philadelphia North American. INDIANA'S GREATEST MAN.

Morton Grandly Served His State and Country When His Services Were Needed. Chicago Inter Ocean

While Republicans in many States were voting, or in many instances abstaining from voting, on Tuesday, for the nominees of their party, a group of zealous Republicans in Indiana were honoring the memory of Oliver P. Morton, whose lamented death dated just twelve years back. On that day was unveiled the bust of Carrara marble which henceforth is to mark his resting place in Crown Hill Cemetery, as the noble statue in bronze preserves his memory in the center of the chief city of the State whose fame he made so bright on the battle-fields and in the Senate of the country. The chill air of the day did not hinder hundreds of men to whom his zeal for the welfare of Indiana's troops in the field was a grateful memory, and hundreds of others to whom the firmness with which he kept the traitorous elements of the State, the Sons of Liberty, miscalled, and the Knights of the Golden Circle in awe. and to whom the rigid economy with which he administered the finances of the State at a time when the profuseness of patriotic liberality easily might have excited ex-travagance, and to whom his high integ-rity, his scorn of bribe, his firm, though kindly, refusal of gift, his unselfish, con-stant, and, alas, fatal devotion to the welfare of the country were imperishable

Never was ancient prophet or ruler of whom it might be said more truly than of Oliver P. Morton, "The zeal of thine house hath consumed me." Nature gave to him a marvelously strong body as a shelter to a marvelously clear mind, informed by a marvelously acute conscience and directed by a marvelously strong will. The mind, the conscience and the will remained unimpaired till well night he last hour of his life. But the body had become paralyzed by almost ceaseless labors for the public weal long before he retired from active life. Indeed, he only retired to die. He was of that classic type to which "virtus in actione consistit" is more than a fine legend; virtue consists in action was his rule of life. To know that a principle ought to be reduced to action was followed by an effort to put it in action. While others debated he moved. The troops of his State were well fed, well clothed, followed by medical and hospital appliances, while the Governors of most States were hearing evidence as to how such things might best be done. And yet he was not slow of speech nor impulsive of method. He preferred to act first and explain afterward, but when it was needful that the mind of the country should be convinced in order that its will might be stim-ulated to work no man could of he. His speech in refutation of the plea of the right of a State to secede was pronounced a masterpiece of reasoning by Mr.

Lincoln, and accepted as a final settlement of all argument throughout the North. His reconstruction speeches were the most effective delivered in the Senate. He lived and acted through the most notable years of the Nation's history in conjunction with the best and bravest, the most capable and most conscientions band of administrators and legislators that this country, or, perhaps, the orb of this earth, has ever seen acting in conjunction, and he was a marked personage in this great assembly of years. clearer statement

coages. To have preserved a pervaled and illuminated by such brill-Great is proof of wonderful strength and originality of character, and Senator Morton stands unique in his methods of execuas to what he might have been had his health be in restored and his life prolonged. It is ease gh to know that he greatly served his country when great service was required has he died full of honors, and lov of the past and of the inspiration

#### THE AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM.

How It Worked in Massachusetts-Affords an Argument for Woman Suffrage. Springfield Republican.

The Australian ballot system is an unquestionable success—that is the verdict of ail sorts and conditions of men, except, no doubt, the vote-peddlers and other political hangers-on, whose occupation is taken away. Nothwithstanding the assurances beforehand that the system would do away with these repulsive accompaniments of election, it needed the actual trial to show how great the relief is. It was realized the polls yesterday that electioneering was halted promptly with the last campaign rallies, and had no possible footing where the ballots were cast. Of what use could the most fervent appeals be when the party "worker" can no longer thrust his party ballot into the voter's bands but that individual takes the ballot printed by the State, and without oversight, in a place by himself, makes his own ticket? Plainly none at all. This is the reason why the laboring men in the great cities want the Australian system. and will not take an envelope substitute or any imposition which permits the furnishing of ballots by parties. The handling of the ballot by the State's officers is just as essential as the separate voting booth, and as rightly official as the provision and guardianship of the ballot-box. This is the conviction, we doubt not, of every honest citizen who beheld and took part in yesterday's election in Massachusetts

All manner of evils and discomforts of election disappear in the use of this sys-tem. There are no possible frauds of de-ceiving tickets, headed "Republican" and cunningly concealing Democratic nominations, or vice versa; no "selling out," no "combines." no "deals"—none of these things is possible. The independent voter does not have to hunt for "p out names from one ballot to stick upon another. The voting places are not lit-tered with torn and trampled tickets, and the absence of the "workers" contributes freedom from pools of tobacco spittle on the floor and from rum-laden air.

There is another important result from this new thing-it makes the polls a place where women can vote without molestation. insult or discomfort, and so removes a serious obstacle to women's acceptation of suffrage, and to men's willingness to give it to them. Many a man, as he watched the voting yesterday in this city, at least must have had the thought flash into his mind that woman could now exercise the franchise without an affront to her delicacy or self-respect. And it would not be strange if he had gone on to reflect on the absurdity of excluding the best half of the community from so orderly and agreeable, as well as important, a duty.

#### As the Fire-Eaters Interpret It. Charleston News and Courier.

The victory in Virginia is far more however, than a mere Democratic trishall rule in the South as he rules everywhere else. It is a stern re-rebuke to the pernicious doctrine of federal interference with the local affairs of the States. It means that, whatever the outside pressure that may be brought to bear upon the Southern States, the white people of the South will take care of themselves and of the rich heritage committed to their keeping.

#### Let the Issue Come.

Boston Transcript. Petitions are in circulation through some sections of the Union requesting Congress to repeal the civil-service law. We are glad of it. Let the issue come now in such shape that Congressmen must face the music Let us see how many of our national law-makers, who sneer at civil-service reform. are willing to put themselves on the record as in favor of absolutely restoring the old spoils methods in all departments of the federal government.

### Mrs. Gougar on the War-Path.

Fort Worth Gazette. Editor Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee, was arrested the other night for disturbing a public meeting. Mrs. Helen Gongar was delivering a temperance lecture and came down heavy on Rosewater. He attempted to reply, an uproar ensued, and the doughty editor was arrested. Good for him. He should have known he had no chance to talk against a woman.

Prohibition Treachery.

The Republican party gets no thanks from the prohibition cranks for humoring their vagaries. They repay all such intended kindness by stabbing the Republicans in the back-running separate tickets in order to defeat Republican nominees. They are more bitter and vindictive toward

### They Prefer Political Freedom.

Cattlemen are freezing to death on the plains of Colorado. Down South the air is so balmy that people have not yet put on their flannels. Come to think of it, why do people shiver out a miserable existence in the blizzard range when they might come down here and vote the Democratic ticket and enjoy life?

## New York Will Resume.

Philadelphia Press. Inasmuch as the election is over, New York will now resume the cheerful task of dunning people for subscriptions to the Grant monument, the Washington mem-orial arch and the world's fair. These enterprises are like the poor, for the reason that New York has them always with her.

By Way of Consolation.

We are especially sorry that the Demo-crats have the Ohio Legislature, because, like everybody else, we wanted to see editor Murat Halstead sent to the United States Senate. But, come to think of it, he will be a great deal more useful as a working newspaper man.

### In Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia Inquirer. There will be many efforts to explain the difference between the result in Pennsylvania and other States, but few will give the real reason. Pennsylvania Republicans follow their own leaders, and they lead to victory.

### The Way of It.

Philadelphia Press The Republicans have held their own this year pretty much everywhere, except in places where Democrats are holding it for them.

### The Prospect.

Cleveland Leader We presume Calvin & Brice will succeed Henry Boodle Payne in the Senate. The Ohio Democracy grows no better fast

How About Native-Rorn Illiterates.

Los Angeles Tribune. No man should ever be admitted to citizenship in the United states who cannot read and write the English language.

### A Little Bit Late.

How much better the Democrats would have felt if those little gains could have been recorded about a year ago.

What They Are There For.

# The Prohibitionists helped the New Jersey whiskyites out of a hole, according to their usual custom.

Chicago Journal.

Cleveland's Sad Thoughts. Pittaburg Chronele. A penny for Grover Cleveland's thoughts! Is he wondering why all this did not hap-

### pen a year ago?

Milwankee Sentinel. Rainbow politics are a good deal more effective in "off" years than in presidential